

Application No. 10/085,142
Response to Office Action Dated April 7, 2006
Amendment dated September 7, 2006

REMARKS

Claims 1-41 are pending in the application, of which claims 20-23, 26, and 27 are withdrawn from consideration. The Office Action dated April 7, 2006 rejected claims 1-19, 24, 25, and 28-41 based on 35 USC §112, first and/or second paragraphs. The Office Action objected to claims 2, 12, 13-19, 24-25, and 28-32 under 37 CFR §1.75(c). By this Amendment, claims 1-41 are cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. The rejections of claims 1-19, 24, 25, and 28-41, and the objections to claims 2, 12, 13-19, 24-25, and 28-32, are therefore deemed moot. Reconsideration and withdrawal are respectfully requested.

Applicants thank the Examiner for the courtesies extended during the Examiner interview conducted August 28, 2006. At that interview, potential alternative claim formats to address the Examiner's §112 concerns with regard to claims 1-19, 24, 25, and 28-41 were discussed. In light of the Office Action dated April 7, 2006, and the discussion in that interview, Applicants submit new claims 42-48 above. Reconsideration and prompt favorable action are respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully request favorable reconsideration of the present application and a timely allowance of the pending claims.

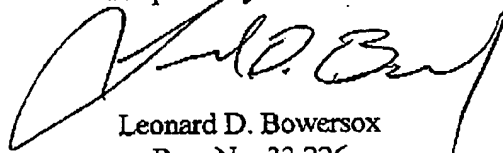
Should the Examiner deem that any further action by Applicants or Applicants' undersigned representative is desirable and/or necessary, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number set forth below.

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the fees to deposit Account No. 50-0925. If a fee is required for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 not accounted for above, such extension is requested and should also be charged to said Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,



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